

**REMARKS**

With this amendment, Applicant adds claims 93-101. Claims 1, 2, 4-45, and 47-101 are all the claims pending in the application.

**I. Claim Rejections -35 USC § 102**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-17, 20-28, 36-45, 47-57, 60-69, 71-75 and 77-92 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,850,352 to Moezzi *et al.* ["Moezzi"]. For at least the following reasons, Applicant traverses the rejection.

Claim 1, as amended, recites an image distributing system that comprises "an image collecting unit for setting a selecting condition set by a user ... and an output processing unit outputting the images ... to a medium appointed by the user."

Moezzi discloses a system where several streams of 2-D video data is used to build a 3-D model. (Col. 8, lines 43-49.) The techniques in Moezzi relate to interactive video and television systems and provide a "virtual reality" system." (See, for example, col. 3, lines 4-6, and col. 9, lines 19-26.)

Applicant submits that a user of the system in Moezzi is not able to appoint an output medium as set forth in claim 1. That is, the output of the system in Moezzi is predetermined to be an interactive video system or to be an interactive television system, and this output is not appointed by the user.

In addition, Applicant submits that the user also does not set a selecting condition for the images in the system of Moezzi. Therefore, Moezzi also does not disclose or suggest the claimed setting a selection condition as set forth in claim 1.

Because claims 43 and 78 recite features analogous to those given above with respect to claim 1, Applicant submits that claims 43 and 78 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies.

Applicant submits that claim 2, 4-9, 11-17, 20-28, 36-42, 44, 45, 47-57, 60-69, 71-75 and 77-92 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies.

## **II. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103**

The Examiner has rejected claims 10, 18-19, 29-35, 58-59, 70 and 76 under 35 USC § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Moezzi as applied to claims 1 and 43 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,035,323 to Narayan *et al.* ["Narayan"]. For at least the following reasons, Applicant traverses the rejection.

Applicant submits that Narayan does not cure the deficient teachings of Moezzi given above with respect to claims 1 and 43. That is, the interactive participation of a user of the system in Moezzi would not work if the user selected a different medium.

Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 10, 18-19, 29-35, 58-59, 70 and 76 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies.

**III. New Claims**

With this amendment, Applicant adds claims 93-101. Applicant submits that these claims are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies, as well as the features set forth therein.

**IV. Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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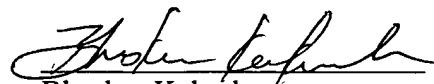
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